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10 Ways To Explore The Internet Archive For

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The Internet Archive is a treasure trove of fascinating media, texts, and ephemera. Items that if they didn't exist here, would be lost forever. Yet so many of our community members have difficulty describing what exactly it is...that we do here. Most people know us for the [Wayback Machine](#), but we are so much more. To that end, we've put together a fun and useful guide to exploring the Archive. So, grab your flashlight and pith hat and let your digital adventure begin...

- 1. Pick a place & time you want to explore.** Search our [eBooks and Texts](#) collection and download or borrow one of the 3 million books for free, offered in many formats, including PDFs and EPub.
- 2. Enter a time machine of old time films.** Explore films of historic significance in the [Prelinger Archives](#).
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